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**Notes:**

Attached is a Proposed Amendment to be discussed during our telephone conference Thursday, Aug. 5, at 1:00 pm.

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# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## Claim Amendment Summary

For Discussion  
purposes only.

### Claims pending

- At time of the Action: Claims 1-21 and 26-35.
- After this Response: Claims 1-21, 26-32 and 34-35.

**Canceled or Withdrawn claims:** 33.

**Amended claims:** 1, 10, 15, 26, 32, and 35.

**New claims:** none.

The listing of claims below will replace prior versions of claims in the application:

1. **(CURRENTLY AMENDED)** An apparatus comprising:  
a first device;  
a first connector coupled to the first device;  
a second connector coupled to the first connector through a first plurality of conductors, wherein alternating pairs of conductors are reversed such that at least one pair of conductors is reversed at a crossover position closer to the first connector than the second connector; and  
a second device coupled to the second connector through a second plurality of conductors.
2. **(ORIGINAL)** An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the first device includes a plurality of differential drivers.
3. **(ORIGINAL)** An apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein the second device includes a plurality of differential receivers.